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South Dakota Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources
Attn: Mike Cepak - Minerals and Mining Program
523 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Wharf Expansion Project.

Dear Mr. Cepak:

We would like to introduce ourselves to you as the developers/owners of the neighboring Powder House Pass Community Improvement District in this area of the northern Black Hills. Our names are Jennifer Moore Kaschmitter and Greg Kaschmitter. We have had an ongoing business relationship with Wharf Resources over the last six years, and feel qualified to write to you in support of their application to expand mining operations at the Wharf Mine in Lawrence County.

Our history with Wharf comes from the majority of the land that comprises Powder House Pass, having purchased over 900 acres of this land from Wharf Resources/Golden Reward. Through numerous conversations, meetings, and negotiations with various mine representatives -- including the Mine General Manager, Bill Schand, and with the Administration Manager, Ron Everett -- we can vouch for the concerted, responsible, and concerned efforts they exhibit to ensure that Wharf's legacy remains positive on surrounding communities. Being a good neighbor and giving back to the community/Black Hills' area are ongoing commitments that they strongly advocate.

Part of that commitment is reflected in the quality and quantity of job opportunities that Wharf creates within the northern Black Hills. Those jobs and the millions of dollars spent by Wharf within South Dakota on a yearly basis will be allowed to continue to positively impact our state if approval is given for Wharf's Expansion Project. Please accept this letter as our endorsement of the project.

We feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with these representatives of Wharf Resources, and have confidence in their intentions. It is important to understand that we would not have purchased/developed property in such close proximity to Wharf's operations if we had not seen, first handedly, that their efforts are sincere.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Moore Kaschmitter

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